

Letter from the Editor

A New Face

When you receive this issue and turn to the Table of Contents, you will find some new sections: Invited Commentary, Clinical Reports and the Letters to the Editor. This is the new face of the *HKJOT*, meant to bring the publication closer to its readers. Other than these new sections, we will maintain the original articles published by our clinicians and researchers, to help share research outcomes and to enhance evidence-based practice. Besides the original articles being very useful for researchers, this is the information that many readers seek.

Most readers would like for the journal to have a diverse range, and for that we must include more original articles that are reviewed by local and overseas experts. From there, the journal may then be considered for indexing. This is a competitive world we live in, with many occupational therapy journals in the Asia-Pacific region aiming to produce the very best publications. Every author wants to submit to an indexed journal that is cited often, as it means their work has a better chance of reaching a wider audience. Of course, our colleagues are not only submitting to occupational therapy journals, but also to publications that are in the broader field of rehabilitation. However, the *HKJOT* is the only local academic journal for occupational therapy, and is committed to publishing a greater number of quality manuscripts that emphasize new development areas of the practice in Hong Kong.

Thanks in part to our new agreement with Elsevier, our publisher, the association is now committed to publishing the journal twice annually. It is through increased publications that we hope to raise the standard and recognition for the *HKJOT* in the Asia-Pacific region. Our goal is to attract subscriptions, and with more subscribers, we can increase the impact of the journal and attract yet more submissions.

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